

Claims

1. A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising (a) comminuting rhizomes of *Fagopyrum dibotrys*; (b) extracting the comminuted material with a solvent comprising a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alcohol to produce a liquid extract; and (c) removing solvent from the liquid extract to produce a dried or concentrated material; and optionally (d) fractionating the dried or concentrated material.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the solvent comprises ethanol.
- 15 3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein an excipient is added to the liquid extract and step (c) comprises drying under reduced pressure to produce a dry material.
- 20 4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a composition as prepared by the method of any preceding claim.
- 25 5. A composition according to claim 4 for the treatment or prevention of cancer.

6. A composition according to claim 4 for the treatment of a disease associated with inflammation.

5 7. Use of a composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-3 in the manufacture of a composition for treatment or prevention of cancer.

8. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is  
10 breast cancer.

9. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is lung cancer.

15 10. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is liver cancer.

11. Use according to claim 7 wherein the cancer is melanoma.

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12. Use of a composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-3 in the manufacture of a composition for treatment or prevention of a disease associated with inflammation.

13. A method of treating a patient suffering from or at  
risk of cancer comprising the administration of a  
composition as prepared by the method of any of claims 1-  
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14. A method of treating a patient suffering from a  
disease associated with inflammation comprising the  
administration of a composition as prepared by the method  
10 of any of claims 1-3.

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